

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Masayuki TAKAMURA *et al.*  
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Serial Number : New  
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Filed : March 18, 2004  
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For : HIGH-STRENGTH, HEAT-RESISTANT ALLOY FOR  
: EXHAUST VALVES WITH IMPROVED OVERAGING-  
: RESISTANCE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 18, 2004

Dear Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as set forth on the attached sheets.